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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES TO 400,000 IN JULY

Overall Rhode Island employment decreased in July due primarily to vacation-related plant closings in Manufacturing industries, combined with seasonal reductions in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 400,000 in July. While this figure represents a decline of 7,000 from the June level of 407,000, it is still 8,500 above the July 1983 total of 391,500.

MANUFACTURING

Reflecting decreases due principally to industry plant closings for vacations, total Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island dropped by 3,800 in July to a level of 117,200. However, this represents a gain of 4,800 over the total of 112,400 reported a year ago this month. In the Durable Goods sector, the July employment figure of 79,400 was down 2,600 from June, but was 3,000 above the total recorded in July 1983. The July Nondurable Goods level of 37,800 was 1,200 below June, but was up 1,800 over its year ago total.

Within the Durable Goods sector the largest monthly decreases were posted in Jewelry-Silverware (-1,600) and Fabricated Metals (-600). Declines were also evident in Electrical Machinery and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-200 each) and Instruments (-100). Lumber/Furniture increased by 100 from June to July, while the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged during this period. On an annual basis, the largest employment increases in Durable Goods were reported in Electrical Machinery, Transportation Equipment, Instruments, Jewelry-Silverware, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+500 each). Annual employment gains were also recorded in

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TARGETED JOBS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM BENEFITS EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS ALIKE

The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program, administered through the R. I. Job Service, identifies nine target groups of eligible workers and provides employers with tax incentives for hiring individuals from these groups.

The TJTC program has been extended through December 31, 1985. A recent change in TJTC legislation provides employers a five calendar-day period from the employment start date in which to request certification for a vouchered individual from DES.

The tax credit is usually computed at 50 percent of the employee's first-year wages up to $6,000 per employee and 25 percent of the second-year's wages up to $6,000. This means a maximum allowable credit of $3,000 per employee for the first year and $1,500 the second year. Further, employers who hire disadvantaged youth 16 to 17 years of age for summer jobs can claim 85 percent of their wages, up to $3,000 as a tax credit.

The target groups of TJTC-eligible workers are:

- --Youth, ages 18-24, who are members of economically-disadvantaged families.
- --Vietnam-era veterans who are members of economically-disadvantaged families.
- --Ex-convicts (felons) who are members of economically-disadvantaged families, provided they are hired within five years after release from prison or after date of conviction.
- --Handicapped individuals receiving or who have received services from the State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency or the Veterans Administration.
- --Youth, ages 16-19, who are participating in a qualified cooperative education program and are members of an economically-disadvantaged family.
- --Recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- --Recipients of General Assistance for 30 days or more.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 5 Harrison Avenue 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS
JOB BANK 277-3588
or . . . . . Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
Total Placements	2,256p	2,254	2,152
New Applications	4,362p	4,667	3,913
New Openings Rec'd.	3,617p	3,246	3,133

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	July 1984	June 1984	% Change June 1984
Initial Claims	15,070	10,218	+47.5
No. of Payments	50,196	42,181	+19.0
Amt. of Payments	$5,332,633	$4,548,533	+17.2
Exhaustions	1,004	965	+4.0

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	July 1984	June 1984
Initial Claims	1,214	1,086
No. of Payments	9,098	8,978
Amount of Payments	$881,255	$915,125

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
Civilian Labor Force	492.3	491.1	484.0
Unemployment	33.6	31.3	46.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.8	6.4	9.6
Seas. Adjusted Rate	6.0	6.4	8.8

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983
Civilian Labor Force	476.7	469.9	475.2
Unemployment	30.9	30.2	41.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.5	6.4	8.8

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983
Civilian Labor Force	40,755	38,575	38,305
Unemployment	1,745	1,620	2,050
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.3	4.2	5.4

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	June 1984	May 1984	June 1983
Civilian Labor Force	16,080	14,970	16,220
Unemployment	980	830	1,115
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.1	5.5	6.9

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through September 30, 1984. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Central Falls

East Providence

Johnston

New Shoreham

Pawtucket

Warren

West Warwick

Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	June 1984	July 1983
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	400.0	407.0	391.5	-7,000	+8,500
MANUFACTURING	117.2	121.0	112.4	-3,800	+4,800
NONMANUFACTURING	282.8	286.0	279.1	-3,200	+3,700
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.6	13.4	12.4	+ 200	+1,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.2	13.8	13.0	- 600	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	84.8	85.2	84.0	- 400	+ 800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.8	21.7	21.5	+ 100	+ 300
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	94.1	95.1	93.2	-1,000	+ 900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	55.3	56.8	55.0	-1,500	+ 300

1983 Figures REVISED. 1984 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983	June 1984	July 1983	July 1984	July 1983	July 1984	July 1983	July 1984	July 1983
ALL MANUFACTURING	117.2	121.0	112.4	-3800	+4800	$280.67	$270.74	39.2	38.9	$7.16	$6.96
DURABLE GOODS	79.4	82.0	76.4	-2600	+3000	283.08	277.61	39.1	39.1	7.24	7.10
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.6	2.5	+ 100	+ 200	288.41	275.04	38.2	38.2	7.55	7.20
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	+ 100	364.59	387.04	40.6	43.1	8.98	8.98
PRIMARY METALS	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 100	335.60	332.22	40.0	42.0	8.39	7.91
FABRICATED METALS	8.6	9.2	8.5	- 600	+ 100	257.36	246.77	38.7	38.2	6.65	6.46
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.7*	6.7*	6.5*	0	+ 200	400.15	350.34	43.4	39.1	9.22	8.96
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.4	11.6	10.9	- 200	+ 500	251.63	267.85	38.3	39.8	6.57	6.73
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.4	9.4	8.9	0	+ 500	397.64	361.20	40.7	40.0	9.77	9.03
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.9	4.3	- 100	+ 500	298.07	311.52	42.4	44.0	7.03	7.08
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.0	23.6	21.5	-1600	+ 500	209.07	205.12	37.4	37.5	5.59	5.47
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.8	5.1	- 200	+ 500	265.80	228.55	38.3	35.6	6.94	6.42
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.8	39.0	36.0	-1200	+1800	273.22	259.78	39.2	38.6	6.97	6.73
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.3	3.3	3.1	0	+ 200	237.64	206.98	36.9	35.2	6.44	5.88
TEXTILES	10.3	11.1	10.2	- 800	+ 100	259.94	249.49	40.3	40.7	6.45	6.13
APPAREL	3.4	3.4	3.1	0	+ 300	225.61	217.49	39.1	38.7	5.77	5.62
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.5	2.4	- 100	0	247.40	246.63	38.9	38.9	6.36	6.34
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.8	5.9	5.5	- 100	+ 300	374.86	344.71	36.5	36.4	10.27	9.47
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.3	3.3	2.9	0	+ 400	358.18	341.12	40.2	37.2	8.91	9.17
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.6	1.6	1.3	0	+ 300	278.11	327.33	40.6	45.4	6.85	7.21
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	5.0	4.8	- 100	+ 100	281.92	257.94	38.2	38.1	7.38	6.77
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.8	2.9	2.7	- 100	+ 100	195.30	182.53	42.0	36.8	4.65	4.96

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Lumber/Furniture and Nonelectrical Machinery (+200 each) and Stone-Clay-Glass and Fabricated Metals (+100 each). The only Durable Goods industry experiencing an annual job decline was Primary Metals (-100).

In the Nondurable Goods producing sector, the largest monthly employment decrease occurred in Textiles (-800) followed by Paper Products, Printing-Publishing, Plastics Products, and Leather Products (-100 each). The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their June levels. Compared to July 1983, employment increases were posted in Chemical Products (+400) and Apparel, Printing-Publishing, and Rubber Products (+300 each). Food-Beverage added 200 workers, while Textiles, Plastics Products and Leather Products each advanced by 100 jobs from one year ago. Paper Products employment remained unchanged from last July's level.

NONMANUFACTURING

Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing industries decreased by 3,200 from June to July, primarily due to seasonal layoffs in Services and declines in education-related employment in Transportation and Public Utilities and Government. However, the July Nonmanufacturing total of 282,800 was 3,700 above the July 1983 level of 279,100.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly decline occurred in Government (-1,500), caused mainly by seasonal decreases in education-related employment. At 55,300, overall Government employment was up 300 from the previous July. Seasonal decreases reduced Services employment by 1,000 from June; however, the current total of 94,100 is 900 jobs greater than the year ago level. Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,200, reported a monthly decrease of 600 workers and Trade, at 84,800, recorded a monthly drop of 400. Still, the former was up 200 and the latter was up 800 compared to last July. Contract Construction jobs increased 200 for the month and 1,200 annually to a total of 13,600. Similarly, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment, at 21,800, was up 100 for the month and was 300 higher than a year ago.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers increased by 5 cents to $7.16 in July, which was also up 20 cents compared to a year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.4 of an hour in July to 39.2 hours. However, this was 0.3 of an hour greater than in July 1983. Average weekly earnings for these workers in July amounted to $280.67. While this represents a loss of 89 cents from last month, it is $9.93 more than was reported in July of last year.

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--Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Work Incentive Program (WIN) registrants. The new employee must be eligible for AFDC on the hiring date and have received it for 90 days prior to hiring.
--Summer Youth, ages 16 or 17, who are members of economically-disadvantaged families and hired into summer jobs.

For more information on the TJTC program contact any office of the R. I. Job Service listed on page 2 of this Bulletin or call 277-3727.

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